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THAT WAS MY FIRST ENCOUNTER ...
WITH THE GLASSES GIRL, ELK.

OH HOW I LONGED TO SEE THE SUN AGAIN!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT EXAGGER-ATION ...
THEN LET'S PART WAYS HERE.
AH, BEFORE THAT...
WHICH WAY IS THE CITY?
NOT ONLY DID YOU GET LOST IN THE DUNGEON ...
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE CITY IS!?
AAH... I USED TO LOVE THAT KIND OF SCORNFUL GLARE IN MY PAST LIFE... WAIT NO!

IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO HIDE THIS FROM YOU, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU I CAME HERE BY A MAGIC CIRCLE.
UGH, YOU'RE HOPELESS.
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY!
OH, THANKS ...!

HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION.
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO LIVE IN THE CITY?
OF COURSE. WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE CITY.
FEELS LIKE WE'RE SEEING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE AROUND ...
HAH?
SO ..
I HAVE RESEARCHED ABOUT THIS FROM MOTHER'S STUDY BEFORE.
HOWEVER, DUE TO HOW THE BOOKS WERE DATED AND PROBABLY ALL FROM DIFFERENT ERAS, I'M STILL LEFT CLUELESS ABOUT THE CURRENT ERA
IS THIS ENOUGH?
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WHAT IS ALL THIS!!?
THIS ... WHAT!?
WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE SEES IT!!
HOW CAN YOU JUST CASUALLY TAKE OUT SO MUCH MONEY!?
AH..
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THIS IS ENOUGH TO LIVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE FOR MONTHS!!
OF COURSE IT IS!
IS THIS A LOT...?
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS WORTH SO MUCH ...
WOW ...

MOTHER'S ASSETS CAN CONTEND AGAINST THE NATIONAL BUDGET IT SEEMS ..
DOESN'T THAT MEANT ALL OF THEM COMBINED WOULD BE WORTH A FEW HUNDRED MILLION YEN!?
SINCE MOTHER WROTE IN THE LETTER THAT I COULD TAKE AS MUCH AS I WANT FROM THE HOUSE ...
IF JUST THIS MUCH CAN LAST MONTHS ...
I GRABBED A HANDFUL OF COINS AND BROUGHT THEM WITH ME IN MY BAG ..
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EH!?
AH, WHAT?
SORRY, I WAS DEEP IN THOUGHT.
IS SHE OKAY..?
I'LL JUST FOLLOW ALONG I GUESS.
I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING IS OFF
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING A STRANGER LIKE ME SHOULD PROBE INTO
COME THIS WAY
SORRY, LET'S CONTINUE.

WAIT HERE, MINATO.
I'M GOING TO PICK SOME FLOWERS.
SURE ...!
WHEN A FEMALE HIKER TELLS YOU SHE WANT TO GO PICK FLOWERS ...
IT MEANS NATURE IS CALLING FOR HER
AND THE MALE VERSION WOULD BE...
HUNT SOME PHEA-SANTS ...
...SOMEONE IS SECRETLY SPYING ON ME.

THERE'S NO NEED TO SAY ANYTHING.
I PRETTY MUCH UNDER-STAND WHAT IS GOING ON.
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHY ARE YOU SO CALM IN THIS SITUATION!?
SEVEN... NO EIGHT PEOPLE...
AND ANOTHER ONE WATCHING FROM AFAR?

THERE ARE ONLY 3 THINGS THESE GUYS COULD POSSIBLY SAY...
1. HAND OVER YOUR MONEY.
2. LEAVE ALL YOUR BELONGINGS BEHIND.
3. COME WITH US.
ONE OF THOSE ...
EITHER WAY, THIS GUY'S BETTER THAN EXPECTED.
YEAH, THAT BLACK HAIR AND APPEARANCE... HOW RARE...
LOOK, EVEN HIS EYES ARE BLACK!
HAHAHA! HE'LL SURELY FETCH FOR A GOOD PRICE.
HIS EQUIPMENTS AREN'T HALF BAD EITHER!
PERHAPS HE'S FROM A RICH FAMILY?
THESE GUYS WOULD PROBABLY TARGET ELK IF THEY SAW HER.
BETTER CLEAN UP THE MESS BEFORE SHE COMES BACK.
AH... SO IT WAS THE 3RD OPTION.

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A DART ...?
YOU'VE LET YOUR GUAR DOWN, BRAT ...

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OH, YOU MEAN THIS?
HOW CAN HE STILL MOVE!?
NO EFFECT!?
HE LICKED IT!!
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THAT DART IS COATED WITH PARALYSIS POISON ...
HAHAHA!! YOU IDIOT, YOU ACTUALLY LICKED THAT!!
AS IF THIS MEASLY PARALYSIS POISON COULD AFFECT ME
HOW HE CAN STILL MOVE!?
JUST TAKE HIM DOWN!!

ENCHANTED WITH "ELEMENTAL BLOOD" MAGIC.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW MY ENTIRE BODY IS ...
AND THE RESULT IS MY BODY BEING STRENGTHENED FROM A CELLULAR LEVEL.
BE IT POISON OR ACID, THEY ARE ALL USELESS ON ME.
PUTTING THE KNOWLEDGE FROM MY PREVIOUS LIFE TO USE...
I'VE SUCCESS-FULLY DEVELOPED THE USE OF MAGIC PARTICLES.
BY BREAKING DOWN THE MAGIC INTO MINUTE PARTICLES AND INJECTING THEM INTO MY VEINS
THANKS TO MY HEART, THE MAGIC PARTICLES WILL CIRCULATE AND BE ABSORBED BY CELLS THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE BODY.

HERE, YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK!
HOW DARE YOU ...!!
OF COURSE A CHEAP SWORD CAN'T CUT ME EITHER.
NO WAY... A MON-STER ...
YOU MONSTER!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A MONSTER!?

MY BODY'S DEFENCE IS FLAWLESS
GAH!!
MI... MINATO!?
AH! ELK, YOU'RE BACK!
IT'S OKAY, I TOOK CARE OF THEM ALREADY.
J... JUST ...
WHAT IS THIS ...

I HELD BACK AFTER ALL.
DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T KILL THEM, THEY'RE JUST UNCONSCIOUS.

SHE'S STILL SOMEONE WHO CHALLENGES DUNGEONS AFTER ALL, SO WHY IS SHE SO SHOCKED BY THIS .?
I KNOW SHE'S A GIRL BUT ...
I THOUGHT ...
THIS PLAN WOULD HAVE WORKED FOR SURE...

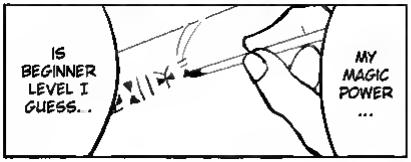
OH WELL I'LL NOT PRY TOO MUCH INTO IT.
SO THEN ...
....HMM? WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT ...?
WE ARRIVED AT THE CITY.
SO THIS IS THE CITY OF VOLKA!
WOAH! SO MUCH GOING ON HERE!
THIS REALLY IS LIKE A GAME WORLD ...!!

YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE AN ADVENTURER ...
SO I RECKON YOU'D BE REGISTERING AT THE GUILD OR SEARCHING FOR A JOB ..
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
HUH?
GUILD!?
THE ADVENTURERS' HEADQUARTERS, RIGHT!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
I'VE SEEN IT EVERYWHERE IN GAMES AND NOVELS BEFORE!
THEN I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY.
FOLLOW ME
IT'S THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE ADVENTURERS GATHER...
AND THE GUILD ACTS AS THE MEDIATOR TO DELEGATE MISSIONS TO THE ADVENTURERS, RIGHT?
YOU SURE ARE PUMPED

IT'S LARGER THAN I IMAGINED ...
WOW, SO THIS IS THE GUILD ...
DID YOU KNOW THIS IS ALSO THE LARGEST CITY?
OF COURSE THIS IS THE MAIN HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL THE GUILDS ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.
DUE TO PARTNERSHIPS, YOU CAN ALSO FIND DISCOUNTS AT CERTAIN STORES...
IT WILL SERVE AS YOUR ID
YOU HAVE TO REGISTER HERE TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER.
THERE'S THE RECEPTION DESK.
IT WOULD PROVE TO BE VERY HANDY TO HAVE A GUILD CARD.

I WANT TO REGISTER AS AN ADVENTURER.
HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU TODAY?
WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURER'S GUILD
ARE YOU TWO REGISTERING TOGETHER?
REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME?
THIS REGISTRATION DOCUMENT
PLEASE FILL IN
LET'S SEE...
UHM...
I'M JUST HERE TO HELP HIM
NO, I'VE ALREADY REGISTERED
VERY WELL

*WHY ARE THE LANGUAGES DIFFERENT IN THESE TWO PANELS? IS THE ABOVE IN HIS MIND OR SOMETHING?



THE DOCUMENTS ARE ALL GOOD.
ALL I NEED NOW IS TWO STRAND OF YOUR HAIR.
HAIR ...?
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IS THAT THE CARD ...?

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IT'S GONE!
DID IT GET ABSORBED!?
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT.
HERE IS YOUR GUILD CARD...
IT WILL SERVE AS YOUR ID FROM NOW ON.
HEHE...
NAME... MINATO KADRILLE.
AGE... 16.
RANK... F?

YOU'LL RANK UP BY COMPLETING QUESTS
OF COURSE THE DIFFICULTY OF THE QUEST YOU CAN TAKE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR RANK
THAT'S YOUR ADVENTURER RANKING.
EVERYBODY STARTS OFF AS F. FOLLOWED BY E, D, B, A, AA, AAA, S, AND SS BEING THE HIGHEST.
THAT'S WHY I'M...
RANK F, HUH...
WELL, EITHER WAY ...
FROM TODAY ONWARD...
I'M OFFICIALLY AN ADVENTURER ...!!